

NEW YORK REVELS IN GOLDEN ORGY

World's Wealth Pouring Into Metropolis—Spending Is an Occupation

A VAST GAMBLING TABLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—New York is rolling, reveling, rollicking in wealth.

This is a "never-before-in-history" story, showing the spotlight on the contrasting pictures presented by the gigantic struggle in Europe, where for twenty-eight months the world's attention has been centered, and money-mad, prosperity-obsessed New York, whose gold is flowing in from the stricken nations of Europe, and is being thrown about in an orgy of Babylonian extravagance.

New York banks today hold reserves of \$116,744,206, and from every quarter of the globe money is pouring in—actual yellow gold by the million, to be changed from the coin of other nations into the coin of the U. S. A.

HUGE GAMBLING TABLE

Wall Street has become a gambling table, which is being thrown money from its earnings, winnings and savings of Americans and money from the coffers of kings.

While the large majority of New York's six millions are fighting the universal desperate battle with the cost of living, on the surface it appears that everybody has money to spend. They are spending it for necessities and luxuries.

Fifty or more blocks in Manhattan are given over entirely to that ancient trio, wine, women and song. War-bonus dividends have given night-time Broadway a new life, whose business it is to take money from spenders say they never were able to take so much of it before.

Ancient Babylon could be set down inside New York's winter pleasure grounds without being noticed. Nebuchadnezzar would not have a reputation outside his own block. Cabarets have sprung up like mushrooms and dance halls thrive as in any new gold camp.

"Business is three times as big as the biggest we ever saw before this season," said the manager of the largest cabaret in the city.

Hotels are crowded, theatres are sold out. Crowds that "shop-early" stigmas do not account for fill the department stores. Warehouses are depleted of stocks and deliveries are far behind. New York is spending its money and getting what it can for it. But it keeps pouring in.

STOCK EXCHANGE FRENZY

On the Stock Exchange million-share days have come to be considered the regular thing, whereas two years ago 400,000 shares was a good day's trading. When, every now and then, the trading reaches two million shares, scarcely is it noticed.

Over and round about the floor of the Stock Exchange they have put a wire bomb netting to ward off any possible eventuality, and on the floor the traders are buying and selling in a frenzy such as they never knew before. At least, they so describe it. Nobody not a member of the Exchange can see them trade, even the members' guest gallery having been closed. But Saturday—the anniversary, by the way, of the reopening of the Stock Exchange after being closed four months following the beginning of the war—transactions in the two hours' session totaled \$2,091,000.

The price at which these shares are being dealt in are such prices as the exchange seldom has known. A steel stock closed at 42 two years ago now has a mob of shouting clamoring men bidding for them at fifteen times that price.

One of the reasons for the money-spending New York is witnessing daily—and slightly in the past, in the figures, showing the price of certain stocks at the opening of the Exchange today, contrasted with the price two years ago:

	1914	1916
Allis-Chalmers	104	1516
American Steel	30	304
American Sugar	40	75
American Car and Foundry	48	75
American Lumber	42	75
Baltimore Steel	42	628
General Electric	14	112
General Motors	22	170
International Paper	1	45
Marion	1	45

This table explains, in part, why Morgan & Co. will not raise their 50 per cent of one year's salary bonus to employees this Christmas, and the dozens of other big houses will not miss similar gifts they have announced.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT LEES Who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home, 4430 Dexter street, Roxborough, today.

DENIES HE ESTRANGED HIS BROTHER'S WIFE

Sensational Charges Mark Opening of \$100,000 Suit at Toms River

TOMS RIVER, N. J., Dec. 13.—Sensational charges marked the opening here of the \$100,000 suit brought by Howard L. Davis, of New Egypt, against his brother, Malcolm I. Davis, of Philadelphia, for alleged alienation of Howard's wife, Mrs. Clara J. Davis.

Counsel for Malcolm termed Howard the "black sheep" of the family and explained that his jealousy was aroused when Malcolm took measures to protect his sister-in-law from cruelty and neglect.

The plaintiff charges that an attempt to get possession of his father's estate is back of the trouble. Mrs. Clara Davis was a nurse in a Philadelphia hospital when Howard Davis married her after a brief courtship.

Malcolm Davis, on the stand, testified that in caring for his sister-in-law he was simply acting as the agent of his mother, Mrs. Kate Irwin Davis, of 11 South Thirty-eighth street, Philadelphia. He denied that he had attempted to estrange Howard and his wife.

Malcolm said emphatically that there could have been no alienation of affection in this case since Howard's behavior had been such as to kill any love or affection which his wife had for him.

WOMEN'S WORK FIXED AT 54 HOURS IN 7 DAYS

Attorney General Says "Week" for Female Workers Doesn't Mean Calendar Week

HARRISBURG, Dec. 13.—Attorney General Brown has delivered an opinion in which he rules that the word "week" in the woman's employment act does not mean a calendar week, but that women cannot be employed in establishments under the employment act more than fifty-four hours in seven consecutive days. The question was submitted to the State Industrial Board a week ago by representatives of various mercantile associations. The opinion is of much importance to stores, as it has direct bearing on holiday business hours. Mr. Brown says:

"The three days on which a female employee may be employed two hours overtime during a week in which a holiday occurs and is observed by an establishment employing her are not confined to the calendar week in which the holiday comes, but may be any three days of the 'seven consecutive days' within which such holiday falls; but such overtime employment shall not operate to cause any such employee to work more than fifty-four hours within any seven consecutive days. Consequently, in effect, although the three days of overtime employment may come in the calendar week preceding the one in which a holiday occurs if they be within seven days of such holiday, the total hours of employment throughout the entire calendar week in which the overtime work in such case is performed cannot lawfully exceed fifty-four."

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE STILL UP TO SHIPPERS

President of Steamship Concern Silent on Conference With Baltimore Business Men

"Whether or not the steamship line between Philadelphia and South America will be continued depends altogether on the size of the cargo which shippers send on the Evelyn when she sails December 15."

This statement was made last night by Herman L. Wright, president of the line, when interviewed at the Belgrave after his return from Baltimore, where he had been in conference with Mayor Preston and other officials of that city. He refused to say whether he considered taking the line to that city.

"Did Mayor Preston make you any promises or pledges on behalf of Baltimore?" he was asked.

"Mayor Preston smokes very good cigars," was Mr. Wright's only reply. Mr. Wright explained that conditions regarding the Philadelphia-South American steamship line are exactly the same as they were three weeks ago.

Howard B. French, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said he had heard that shippers intend to supply the Evelyn with a full cargo.

RED MEN ATTENTION!

On Saturday evening, December 16, at 8 P. M. the greatest fraternal event in recent years will take place in Scottish Rite Hall, Broad and Race streets. A program extraordinary has been arranged, to include as speakers:

Hon. Arthur Roland, Member of the New York Legislature; James T. Rogers, Great Senior Sagesse, G. C. of U. S.; Past Great Sachem, Chief, E. Ross, of Harrisburg; Great Sachem John M. Coombe will preside. Great Prophet Samuel H. Walker will offer the invocation.

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THE WEATHER

Official Forecast
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.
For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, with probably snow; little change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly south.

The storm that was central on the Middle Atlantic coast yesterday has moved up to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and has increased greatly in intensity. A secondary disturbance is central over Lower Michigan this morning. The temperatures have fallen in all of the northern States, the change being greatest in the Missouri basin, where the cold is intense this morning. The temperatures are below zero in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska and western Iowa, with a minimum of 24 degrees at Bismarck, N. D.

Observations at Philadelphia
8 A. M.

Barometer	29.91
Temperature	32
Wind, southwest	10 miles
Relative humidity	75
Precipitation last 24 hours	clear
Minimum temperature	22
Maximum temperature	37

Lamps to Be Lighted
Aides and other vehicles..... 4:30 p.m.

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND

Low water	11:10 a.m.
High water	11:31 p.m.

CHESTNUT STREET WHARF

Low water	11:01 a.m.
High water	11:22 p.m.

REEDY ISLAND

Low water	1:05 a.m.
High water	1:26 p.m.

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Low water	1:05 a.m.
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